## Pump Station Problems Solved By Texas Firm

What's the source of most of the problems facing owners and operators of golf course sprinkler systems?

It's the pump station. At least that's the view of Venable Sprinkler Sales, Inc., a Texas-based company which designs, supplies and installs sprinkler systems.

According to Robert T. Venable, executive vice president, there are two reasons why the pump station is the source of so much trouble in connection with installing a sprinkler system. "There are many competent irrigation contractors, but few of these are good at installing pumps. As a result, there is a tendency to either get a bad total system because the pump station was installed by unqualified contractors, or the responsibility is divided between the pump and irrigation contractors with neither wanting to take the responsibility for the job."

The solution, according to Venable, is a pre-assembled, pre-wired pump station, with pre-built flume and could be used with their systems.



Pre-assembled, pre-wired Pump-A-Matic has been developed by Venable Sprinkler Sales, Inc. The new pump station will solve many of the basic problems for sprinkler systems. Electrical panel permits easy wiring to an irrigation system.

adjustable pre-built stacks.

The company originally built this pump station and designed it so it They report that golf course architects who have seen the unit like the fact that it can eliminate unsightly pump stations on the course.

The unit can be installed in two days after arrival on the job site. No welding is necessary since it is pre-built, with only a minor amount of bolting required. The flume and the stacks, the discharge for the pressure relief and bypass of the double dogleg from the pump header are all that need to be bolted. Wiring also is held to a minimum because much of it is done prior to shipment.

Called Pump-A-Matic, the unit

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features various options including a high-volume cutoff which turns off all the pumps in case of pipe break in the field at night. It also has a high-pressure cutoff which turns off the pumps if, for example, the controllers were to turn off all of the valves while the pumps were turned on manually.

The only wiring required is the tie-in from the transformer to the pigtails coming out of the all-in-one panels.

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## Ohio Nursery Short Course Attracts Record Crowd

The Ohio Nursery Short Course for arborists, turf management specialists, landscape contractors, garden center operators and nurserymen held in Columbus, Ohio in January attracted a record crowd of 1,800.

The 65th annual meeting of the Ohio Nurserymen's Association, the annual meeting of the Ohio Chapter of the International Shade Tree Conference and a meeting of Chapter 1 of the American Association of Nurserymen were held in conjunction with the short course. This event is sponsored by The Ohio State University, Ohio Nurserymen's Association, Inc., and Ohio Chapter, I.S.T.C. in cooperation with the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center and Ohio Cooperative Extension Service.

The educational sessions highlight the Ohio Nursery Short Course, however, a 70 booth trade show was also featured along with numerous displays of an educational nature.

For the first time, at the "Annual Ye Olde Tyme Dinner," two O.N.A. Distinguished Contribution Awards were presented. One was awarded to Joseph Strickfaden of Strickfaden Nursery, Sandusky, Ohio. Joe has been the general chairman of the L. C. Chadwick Research Fund which is now past the half-way point in the goal to raise \$100,000. In addition, he has served in numerous capacities in the O.N.A. for many years, including the presidency in 1953.

The second recipient was Dr. Kenneth W. Reisch, associate dean, college of agriculture, The Ohio State University. Dr. Reisch, known as "Ken" in the industry has been executive secretary of the O.N.A. for the past 11 years and a co-chairman of the Nursery Short Course for 20 years.

R. Henry Norweb, Director of the Holden Arboretum, Mentor, Ohio was awarded Affiliate Membership to the O.N.A. in recognition of outstanding service and contributions to the nursery industry through the Arboretums many activities.

Newly elected officers of O.N.A. are: William Thornton, Thornton Environmental Industries, Cincinnati, president; Edward Losely of Herman Losely & Son, Perry, vice president; Pete Olmsted of the Ohio Hardware Association, Columbus, executive secretary.

The new members of the O.N.A. executive committee are: Larry Riegel, The Andersons, Maumee, Ohio; Jack Goode, J. S. Goode Nursery, Circleville, Ohio, and Gied Stroombeck, Roemer Nursery, North Madison, Ohio. The remaining members of the executive committee include: immediate past president, Robert Siebenthaler, The Siebenthaler Co., Dayton, Ohio; Dale Manbeck, Manbeck Nurseries, Inc., New Knoxville, Ohio; Kenneth Natorp, The William A. Natorp Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Eldon Studebaker, Studebaker Nurseries, Inc., New Carlisle, Ohio.

Elected as governor from Chapter 1 (Ohio) of the A.A.N. Board of Directors was Zophar Warner, Warner Nurseries, Willoughby. Serving as lieutenant governor will be Joseph Strickfaden, Strickfaden Nursery, Sandusky.



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